

Senate Resolution 328

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Dolezal of the 27th, Robertson of the 29th, Harper of the 7th and Jones of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Parking and Vehicle Immobilization Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has an interest in maintaining the public safety and
4 protecting the general welfare of citizens of this state and its visitors; and

5 WHEREAS, for many years, vehicle immobilization service companies have been regulated
6 by local governments; and

7 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia desires to review the manner in which government
8 regulates vehicle immobilization service companies and the fees collected by such entities;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, in order to determine the best methods to ensure the safety of the public,
11 prevent illegal and unsafe practices, and regulate such entities, it would be beneficial to study
12 the current system.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

14 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Parking and
15 Vehicle Immobilization Study Committee.

16 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of the following
17 members:

18 (A) Five members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate;

19 (B) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate who represent county or
20 municipal governments which currently regulate vehicle immobilization services; and

21 (C) Two members who are residents of this state to be appointed by the President of
22 the Senate.

23 The President shall designate a legislative member of the committee as chairperson of the
24 committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

(C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.

(D) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate; except that funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.

62 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
63 the Secretary of the Senate.

64 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary
65 of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

66 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2019.